

Harpswell Energy Task Force Committee

October 26, 2009 Meeting Minutes - Approved Nov. 16, 2009

Chairman David I. Chipman called the meeting to order at 4p.m. at the Harpswell Town Office. Committee members Debora Levensailor and John Monaghan, Jr., and Harpswell Town Administrator Kristi Eiane were also present.

The committee had requested an assurance from the Mid Coast Economic Development District (MCEDD) that the Town of Harpswell would receive at least \$25,000 if the town joined the Midcoast Regional Weatherization and Energy Efficiency Initiative Coalition (MRWEEIC) and the grant application was successful. Kristi forwarded an email to the committee, previous to today's meeting, in which Justin Holmes of the MCEDD said each town should receive at least \$5/capita and that the Town of Harpswell could reapply as an individual entity if the application is denied.

Kristi asked the committee to inform her as to what is decided regarding joining the coalition, and said that if the committee votes in favor, she would then forward a letter of intent to the BOS for their consideration. Kristi left the meeting. The committee continued discussing the matter and ultimately determined that the Town of Harpswell could best meet the criteria of the grant application as a member of the coalition.

It was **moved and seconded** (Monaghan and Levensailor) that the committee recommends that the Town of Harpswell join the Midcoast Regional Weatherization and Energy Efficiency Initiative Coalition and that the committee's recommendation be forwarded to the Harpswell Board of Selectmen. **Carried, 3- 0**. John said he will continue to pursue energy rebates and to develop more of the criteria for the grant application. The committee wants to be able to participate in the on-going work of the coalition and to continue looking out for the Town of Harpswell's best interests.

The committee decided to write a strategic energy plan based on the mission statement, and identified the following short and long term goals: to gain community support and involvement in energy saving initiatives, to pursue other renewable energy sources such as wind, tidal, and solar power and thus reduce the town's carbon footprint and dependency on fossil fuels; to assist Harpswell in becoming a "cool" community by reducing vehicle idling and other actions which harm the environment; and to seek additional sources of funding for town energy projects.

October 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes - It was moved and seconded (Chipman & Monaghan) to approve the October 21, 2009 meeting minutes as presented. Carried, 3 - 0.

NEXT MEETING - Monday, Nov. 16, 2009 at 5p.m.at the Town Office.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn (Levensailor & Monaghan). Carried, 3-0.

Dave adjourned the meeting at 5:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Debora A. Levensailor, HETFC Vice-Chairwoman